

### **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Estremsky for the indication that Claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in Claim 2, and Claim 2 has been canceled. In addition, the dependency of Claim 3 has been changed so as to depend from independent Claim 1. It is thus respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 3-7 are in condition for allowance.

The specification has also been amended to correct the typographical errors pointed out at the top of page two of the Official Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

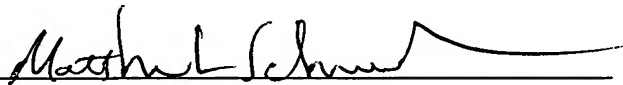
Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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